pectively. Dr. Siddaraju was arrested and later on released on bail. Dr. Siddaraju has also been placed under suspension.

(c) Two doctors have been de-registered by the Karnataka Medical Council.

(d) to (f) No such details are available with the Government as State Governments are expected to take further action in this regard.

Agitational activities of Doctors, ETC in AIIMS

665. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last few years, incidents of disruption of normal working in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and other hospitals due to agitational activities by doctors, including resident doctors, para-medical staff and other staff members, have been occurring in uprecedented frequency;

(b) the number of occasions the normal functioning at AIIMS got disrupted and the number of days these remained affected during the calender years since 1991 and so far in the current year;

(c) whether Government have conducted any review of the situation at the AIIMS, especially with a view to bringing in improvement therein, *inter alia*, by enforcing effective deterrents against spurt in agitational activties among the doctors and other staff members so that the Institution genuinely serves the purposes for which it was set up;

(d) when such review was carried out and at what level; and

(e) outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Prior to the present strike of Resident Doctors since 07-02-1995, there has been one other occasion in August, 1991 when the Resident Doctors went on strike from 22-8-1991 to 29-8-1991. Besides this, there has been no strike by the Doctors, Nurses and other staff since 1991 except for some agitation/dharna by the Nurses during January and September, 1994 which did not have any significant impact on the functioning of the hospital. Due to the current strike by Resident Doctors, there has been a decline in the number of patients however, faculty members are maintaining some of the impotrant hospital services.

(c) to (e) The Government is making all out efforts to improve the functioning of the Institute.

Inquiry into illicit trade in human organs

666. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the illicit trade in human organs, especially the kidney racket unearthed in Karnataka and Bombay.

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof and what action has been taken against the persons and institutions found involved in it;

(c) what legal and administrative steps have been or are being taken to check this inhuman practice;

(d) whether Government would consider appointing a Committee of doctors, officials and responsible citizens of a particular area for giving permission for removal and transplant by the concerned doctors and/or hospitals; and

(e) if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The concerned State Governments are investigating the cases.

According to information available with the Government, one doctor was arrested in Karnataka and later on released on bail. Two doctors have been de-registered by Karnataka Medical Council.

(c) The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 has since been enforced with effect from 4-2-1995 in the States of Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra and all the Union Territories. All other State Governments have been requested to adopt this Act or to enact their own legislation.

(d) Suitable provisions have been made in the Act in his regard. Appointment of Appropriate Authority and Authorisation Committees has already been done for Union Territories & NCT of Delhi.

(e) Does not arise.

Better Pill for workers in Drug Sector

667. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "it's bitter pill for workers in drug sector" published in the "Indian Express" dated the 20th February, 1995;

(b) if so, whether Government share the perception of the participants reported therein;

(c) what steps are being contemplated to safeguard the health of drug workers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Adequate measures have been made in the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 to safeguard the workers in Drug Industry against hazards including chemical hazards. The workers are required to be provided with clean uniforms, masks, head-gears and gloves besides facilities for washing. Provision for disposal of wastes and other residues which are hazardous to health is one of the requirements for grant of licence for manufacture of bulk drugs.

(d) Does not arise.

Findings of the study on use of Shampoo

668. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the 'Economic Times' dated the 11th January, 1995 under the caption "Shampoo may cause cancer: Study";

(b) if so, whether Government would ascertain and evaluate the findings of the study;

(c) if so, what agency is to be entrusted with the job; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Council of Medical Research has evaluated the findings of the study.

(d) Question does not arise.

High HIV rate among housewives

669. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item that appeared in "Times of India", Mumbai edition dated the 12th December, 1994 under the caption "High HIV rate among housewives";

(b) whether it is a fact that the AIDS epidemic has now entered the phase III; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take in educating the housewives in metro and major metro cities?